(b) if so, what reasons have been given therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to import wheat from Canada or Argentina?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The Government of U.S.A. have regretted their inability to supply wheat to India under their Export Enhancement Programme as, according to them, this programme is a trade policy tool intended to counter their competitors' subsidised exports in target markets, and eligibility requirements are therefore quite rigorous.

(c) Government have invited open global tenders for import of wheat.

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4112. **श्री लक्खी राम अग्रवाल** : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1992-93 के लिये प्रति माह चीनी का कितना कोटा निर्धारित किया गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह आवंटन खपत तथा जनसंख्या के आधार पर किया जाता है और क्या इस संबंध में कोई नीति निर्धारित किये जाने की योजना है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) : (क) वर्ष 1991-92 के चालू मौसम (अक्तूबर-सितंबर) के दौरान लेवी चीनी का प्रतिमास 3.5 लाख टन का कोटा रिलीज किया जा रहा है जिसमें अगस्त, 1991 में मंजूर की गई 5 प्रतिशत की तदर्थ वृद्धि भी शामिल है। चीनी वर्ष 1992-93 (अक्तूबर-सितम्बर) के लिये लेवी चीनी कोटे के बारे में उपयुक्त समय पर निर्णय ले लिया जायेगा।

(ख) और (ग) इस समय अधिकतर राज्यों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों को मासिक लेवी चीनी का आबंटन 1-10-86 को प्रक्षिप्त जनसंख्या के लिये प्रति व्यक्ति न्यूनतम 425 ग्राम मासिक चीनी की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित करने के समान मानदंडों के आधार पर किया जाता है। अगस्त, 1991 से सभी राज्यों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों को लेवी चीनी के मासिक आबंटन में 5 प्रतिशत की तदर्थ वृद्धि की अनुमति दी गई है। इसके अतिरिक्त, सरकार प्रत्येक वर्ष सभी राज्यों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों को, उनके मासिक लेवी कोटे के समानुपात में लगभग 1 लाख टन के त्यौहार कोटे का आवंटन भी करती है।

Import of Wheat

4113. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to refer to a report in the Financial Express (Bombay) of 19th February, 1992 under the heading "Wheat crisis to worsen" and state:

(a) the quantity of wheat Government have so far imported and from which countries;

(b) whether USA have raised any doubts about Government's intentions to import wheat and if so, what are the reasons for doubts by USA;

(c) whether there is likely to be a shortfall of four million tonnes in coarse grain production in the Kharif season; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No wheat has so far been imported during 1991-92 (upto 26-3-1992).

(b) Government is not aware of any such doubts having been expressed by U.S. authorities.

(c) and (d) Final production estimates of various kharif coarse cereals for 1991-92 have not yet been received from the States. However, on the basis of available information, production of various kharif coarse cereals for 1991-92 kharif season has been tentatively estimated at 24.3 million tonnes, as against the production estimates of 27.9 million tonnes for 1990-91. The shortfall in the kharif cereals production during 1991-92 may be attributed to long dry spells and aberrant weather conditions that prevailed particularly in the North-Western parts of the country during the South-West Monsoon season (June to September, 1991).

Licences for New Sugar Factories

4114. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sugar factories for which licences were given during the last two years;

(b) what is the number of sugar factories for which licences have been given in Maharashtra; and

(c) what financial arrangements Government have made to instal sugar factories in view of escalation in costs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) During the last two sugar years *viz.*, 1989-90 and 1990-91, 59 Letters of Intent have been granted for setting up of new sugar factories.

(b) Out of 59 Letters of Intent issued during the last two sugar years, 21 Letters of Intent have been granted to the State of Maharashtra.

(c) Central Government does not make financial arrangements for the installation of new sugar factories.

Production of sugar

4115. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of sugar produced in the country during 1991-92;

(b) what quantity was produced in Maharashtra; and

(c) what is the incentive being given to new sugar factories in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The sugar production during the current 1991-92 season till 29.2.1992 aggregated to 77.46 lakh tonnes (Provisional) and the share of Maharashtra in the aforesaid production was 27.10 lakh tonnes.

(c) New sugar factories would be entitled to additional free sale quota as per the relevant Incentive Schemes.

अहमदनगर, महाराष्ट्र में नई चीनी मिलें

4116. **डा० बापू कालदाते :** क्या **खाद्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) महाराष्ट्र के अहमदनगर जिले में नई चीनी मिलें स्थापित करने की मंजूरी मांगते हुये तारीख 1-1-92 तक प्राप्त हुये उन आवेदन-पत्रों संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है जिनके लिये सिफारिश की गई है :

(ख) सरकार इन आवेदन पत्रों पर कब तक मंजूरी प्रदान करेगी ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) : (क) सूचना विवरण में है। **(नीचे देखिए)** :

(ख) पहले से जारी किये गये व कार्यान्वित न किये गये आशय पत्रों/औद्योगिक लाइसेंसों की बहुत सख्या को ध्यान में रखते हुये नई फैक्ट्रियों के प्रस्तावों पर अभी विचार नहीं किया गया है ।